Production of Hydrogen Peroxide

1608. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present licenced and installed capacity of Hydrogen Peroxide of various manufacturers;

(b) what is the actual production of these manufacturers during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) whether it is a fact that M/s. National Peroxide Limited has exceeded its licenced capacity, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) and (b) At present, there is only one manufacturer, namely M/s. National Peroxide Limited, of Hydrogen Peroxide in the country. As per information received from the company, their production has been as follows:—

(Figures in tonnes)
50% W/W

Licensed capacity	Installed capacity	Production during		
		1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
8400	8400	5724	4974	3658

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Overcharging on Baralgon Ketone formulations

1609. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 15 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1989 and state:

(a) what were the prices approved of formulations based on Baralgon Ketone on the basis of bulk drug price of Rs. 24735.38 per Kg.;

(b) what were the prices charged of each formulation when the national price of Rs. 8019 was intimated;

(c) what were the prices of formulations fixed in July 1985 based on the bulk drug price of Rs. 3500.62 per kg.; and

(d) what are the present price of each formulation being charged and since when these prices are being charged?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) and (d) The required details in respect of M/s. Hoechst India Limited to the extent made available by BICP are given in the attached statement (see below)

(b) and (c) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Name of the Formulation	Pack Size	Price based on the Baralgin Ketone price at Rs. 24, 735.38 per kg. under DPCO, 1970 (Rs.)	Price fixed by Government under DPCO, 1987 on 6-4-1989 and currently charged by the the Company (Rs.)
Baralgan Tablets	10x10's strip	37.34	49.83
Baralgan Tablets	1000's	336.11	434.83
Baralgan Ampoule	10x2ml Ampoule	13.41	22.84
Baralgan Ampoule	100x21ml Ampoule	107.22	..
Baralgan Ampoule	5x5ml Ampoule	11.83	..
Baralgab Ampoule	25x5ml Ampoule	53.65	97.97
Baralgan drops	10ml Bottle	4.67	6.89
Baralgan Injection	30 ml vial	12.83	15.83

Admissibility of set offs

1610. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi High Court upheld in the case of Fulford that set offs are not admissible;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Law Ministry also opined in the case referred to above that no set offs are admissible;

(c) whether it is also a fact that special team appointed by his Ministry to assess the overcharging of prices by drug companies have allowed set-offs;

(d) if so, what are the details of set offs allowed in each case studied by the team;

(e) what are the reasons for allowing set offs contrary to the provisions of DPCO, 1979 and ruling of High Court and Law Ministry; and

(f) what steps have been taken to rectify the position?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) and (b) The final judgement on the Civil Writ Petition filed by the Company in the Delhi High Court is still awaited.

(c) to (f) In the case of M/s. Fulford, the claim of the company for set-off has never been accepted by the Government at any time and the claim of the Government against that Company is still maintained at Rs. 194.62 lakhs which is the original claim made by the Government as early as in February, 1985. In respect of other case, for which assessment has already been made by the Special Team, the papers will be locked into and the details to the extent available would be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha as soon as possible.